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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Examiner Name	Bui
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent 50 25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent 200 100

Multiple dependent claims 360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20					

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
				Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
10	- 3 or HP = 7	x 100	= 700		
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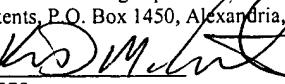


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Applicant: Richardson et al.
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPRESSING FIRES
Serial No. 10/672,169
Filing Date: September 26, 2003
Examiner: Thach Bui
Art Unit 3752

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Amendment and Response

Dear Sir:

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on November 8, 2004. In that office action, the examiner wrote, "claims 2-5, 7, 11-13 and 15-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Applicant has complied with the examiner's suggestion and amended the claims accordingly.

Applicant also submits new formal drawings as requested in the office action.

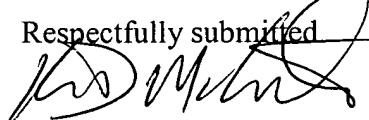
In view of the amendment and the examiner's statement, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly solicited.

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